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AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (CORRECTION PARA 4)

EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OIL EXPLORATION IN GULF OF SUEZ: INFORMAL NOTIFICATION OF  
VESSEL MOVEMENTS

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1. IN KEEPING WITH INFORMAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NOTIFICATION OF  
MOVEMENTS OF PETROLEUM EXPLORATION VESSELS IN GULF OF SUEZ;  
AMOCO VP CAMPBELL HAS INFORMED US THAT COMPANY INTENDS  
TO MOVE SEISMIC SHIP INTO REGION WEST OF RAS GARRA ON JANUARY  
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2. SHIP, WHICH WILL BE TOWING CABLES FOR USE IN RECORDING DATA  
FROM AIR DETONATIONS, WILL BE LOGGING ON LINE RUNNING NW-SE  
ROUGHLY 12 KILOMETERS FROM SINAI. VESSEL WILL, OF COURSE,  
BE MAKING TURNS IN CONNECTION WITH EXPLORATION WORK WHICH  
WILL CARRY IT SOME SMALL DISTANCE FROM LINE. EXPLORATION IN  
THIS AREA IS EXPECTED TO LAST ABOUT ONE WEEK.

3. COMPANY ALSO INTENDS TO BEGIN SIMILAR WORK IN RAMADAN  
FIELD AND SOUTH OF EL MORGAN AT APPROXIMATELY SAME TIME.  
CAMPBELL NOTES THAT COMPANY HAS HAD NO DIFFICULTY WITH ISRAELIS  
IN THESE TWO AREAS BUT FURNISHES THE INFORMATION IN KEEPING  
WITH DESIRE TO AVOID INCIDENTS.

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4. IN DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF, CAMPBELL STRESSED THAT AMOCO IS NOT ASKING FOR PERMISSION AND WAS ASSURED THAT THIS IS ALSO POSITION OF USG WHICH WOULD BE CONVEYED TO ISRAELIS. WE ASSUME THAT EMBASSY TEL AVIV WILL, IF IT HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO, MAKE ABSOLUTELY CLEAR TO GOI THAT NO REQUEST FOR PERMISSION IS INVOLVED AND THAT THE PASSING OF THIS INFORMATION IS DESIGNED TO AVOID ANY UNTOWARD INCIDENTS INVOLVING AMERICAN VESSELS.  
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